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## Silver Fox Skins At \$1000 a Pelt the Newest Fad Of Royalty In Fine Furs

Little Animals From Which the Expensive Furs Are Obtained Are Scarce and Timid; Big Money Made in Raising Foxes on Prince Edward Island.

By RENE BACHE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—Royalty has hit upon a brand-new fad.

Only a few weeks ago, at Potsdam, the princess Victoria Louise, eldest daughter of the German emperor, attracted surprised attention as she was driven through the streets in her automobile. Her whole body seemed literally to shimmer as with a golden light.

"What is it that your princess wears this day?" asked one citizen to another.

"It is some kind of celestial fabric surely," was the reply.

Yet the notion was a mistake. At all events, what the princess Victoria Louise had on was not a fabric at all, in the ordinary sense of the word. It was a coat of silver fox fur, trimmed with gold, and she carried a muff to match.

This is a new and quite remarkable invention, one should explain—gold being applied by an electrolytic process to the tips of the long black hairs of the fur. Thus is produced the peculiar "shimmering" effect described.

It is a curious fact that, so far as known, silver fox is the only kind of fur which can be treated in this way successfully. The hairs of no other fur will hold the gold. Hence it appears that this particular and latest touch in costume is obtainable only by very wealthy women—silver fox being by far the most costly of all furs.

Royalty monopolizes supply. As a matter of fact, however, the available supply of this kind of fur is almost entirely monopolized by royalty. Ermine is out of fashion nowadays with kings and queens, save as a trimming for robes of state. Perhaps this is because it has been imitated so extensively by the skillful manipulation of ordinary pussy-cat. A first class skin of a silver fox, on the other hand, is worth \$2000 today, and to counterfeit it is impossible.

The government bureau of animal industry reckons that at least \$35,000,000 is paid annually in this country for furs of all kinds. But it is very difficult to obtain silver fox fur at any price. Not long since one skin of great beauty was sold in London, at auction, for \$2,250. No such price as ever been paid for the pelt of any other kind of animal.

American Wealth Buys Some. And yet the American multimillionaire is always ready to bid big money for anything. Where it comes about that a few of our richest women are able to boast the possession of all the furs of the East, here is one of them. In New York was seen one set of black fox, consisting of only three skins, which is known to have cost \$15,000. Another lady, or rather, another woman, wore a coat of Siberian marten (commonly known as Russian sable) which cost \$25,000. But the marten is a much smaller animal, and the number of pelts that went to make up the garment was considerably greater.

Naturally, asks, from what source is the rare and precious silver fox obtained? The answer is that the bulk of the small market supply comes from the business of the island of Prince Edward. That is the only place in the world where silver foxes are reared under conditions of partial domestication. The business is believed so profitable that up to now its very existence has been kept carefully secret by the few persons engaged in it.

If the pelts are costly, the living animals are much more so, being useful for breeding purposes. Silver fox pups born in 1912 have a value of \$3,000 to \$4,000 apiece, but to get a pair of such price would be extremely difficult. To kill one for its fur would be like wringing the neck of the goose that laid the golden egg—only when there are superfluous males, which furnish the furs that are sent to market.

London is the market for these skins, so few and so costly. They are shipped to London, where they are disposed of at the great auctions of furs, etc., held only once a year. It is known, the fur market of the world. Thence they find their way almost inevitably into the hands of royal families, which have the means to pay the agents to buy them at almost any price whenever they are offered. The empress of Russia has a magnificent set of silver fox furs, which is rivalled perhaps only by another set in the possession of the morganatic wife of the

emperor. A long time, however, not much success was had in efforts to rear the animals in captivity. They obstinately refused to breed. But eventually the know-how was acquired through experience, and the present method, whereby they are kept in strict seclusion and under conditions approaching as close as possible to those of nature, was adopted. The secret was carefully kept, and until recently was known only to a very few persons on the island. Meanwhile, no live foxes were sold, except a few of inferior quality, which were sent to very distant points in Canada.

Dark Silvers Very Valuable. The "dark silvers" are the very valuable. These are absolutely black, except for scattered light hairs which are black at the base and tip, the silver showing near the outer edge. The fur of such animals is a marvel of richness and beauty.

And yet, strange though it may seem, the animal is exacted the same as the common red fox, whose pelt is worth not more than \$5. Once in a long while a specimen is black, and then it is called a "dark silver." If such a fox is bred through a series of generations with ordinary red foxes, all of the offspring after a while will be black. This has been proved by many experiments, and thus it appears that a farmer of small means, who could afford to buy only one real silver fox, might, by the adoption of proper methods, acquire a stock of good breeding animals in the course of a few years.

The government bureau of animal industry believes that fox farming on such a plan might be made very successful in northern regions of the United States, for example, in Maine and North Dakota. The foxes need a cold climate to produce satisfactory fur. It is at present engaged in preliminary experiments with this idea in view. There is no question to the fact that the silver fox is the most valuable beast in the world today, and the practicability of rearing it on an extensive scale has already been proved by the breeders of Prince Edward Island. Once obtained, the black variety always breeds "true to color." The pups are born in March to early May. One mother fox reared in three years and \$8000 was refused for her.

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## THREE GIRLS FOUND IN A STRAW STACK

Fugitives From Illinois State Home Are Trained by Scattered Hair Pins and Pieces of Linen.

Aurora, Ill., Sept. 12.—Three Chicago girls who escaped from the Illinois state home for girls at Geneva, Ill., last Monday evening, were found living in primitive fashion in a straw stack for them by three men. Each night the men, who were employed in Geneva, Ill., two miles away, brought a supply of food and drink to the rendezvous.

The girls, Ethel Miller, 16 years old; Emma Wagner, 17 year old, and Elizabeth Lord, 18 years old, with the young men, were lodged in the Kane county jail. They will be given a hearing today.

Fourteen deputy sheriffs hunted for the girls three nights, but they were finally located by Fred Reicher, an employee of the state home, who trailed them by scattered hair pins and pieces of torn linen.

## PECOS FAIR TO OPEN SEPT. 16

Pecos, Tex., Sept. 12.—The gates of the Reeves county fair will be opened to the public on September 16, running four days, in which Pecos expects to give to all Texas one of the greatest irrigated exhibits and stock shows ever held in the west.

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**AIRCRAFT DISASTERS CLAIM 24 VICTIMS IN ONE WEEK**

Berlin, Germany, Sept. 12.—Death has claimed a fifth victim of the aeroplane accident at Buchenhausen Thursday, when a military machine crashed into a crowd. This makes the 24th death due to air craft disasters this week.

## Schiller's Life a Tragedy

Germany's Greatest Genius Was For Years Destitute and a Wanderer. Famous Poet's Life a Tragedy.

By Madison C. Peters

SCHILLER was for many years a penniless exile, travelling homeless, in many lands, always suffering and often in want of bread. At times he went from door to door asking alms to keep his wasted body alive.

In the closing years of his life he was honored, had a home and friends, but he could enjoy none of these, for he was broken in health with no hopes of relief from his tortures save in the tomb. Yet this says nothing of what was one of Germany's greatest sons. He was not only a genius, but had a nobility of soul which enabled him to suffer his ill health with resignation and submission to poverty and an ennobling life of the poet.

His Dramas Utilizing. Freedom from oppression, sloth, ignorance and vice, love of family, state, unity, race, feeling, loyalty, the statesman, the citizen and the friend; the courage of the warrior, the blessing of peace and ordered life; the self-sacrificing aspirations of youth, of lovers, and all ingenious souls; the nobility of woman—these are the themes which Schiller sang. His dramas were trumpet calls to the noblest and the best; his verses stirred the spirit which achieved the liberation of his country and they have deservedly found a lasting home in the German heart.

Johann Christoph Friedrich Schiller was born at Marbach, in Württemberg, November 10, 1759. He studied medicine and became a surgeon in a regiment at Stuttgart. At 22 he wrote "The Robbers," which at once raised him to the foremost rank among the dramatists of his country, but none revolutionary passages incurred the displeasure of the Duke of Württemberg, who ordered his arrest and when brought to trial, he was ordered to abstain from literature for all time. His military career was also closed.

He now became a wanderer. His constitution had always been weak, with a tendency to phthisis, and besides he had an affection of the chest, rendering breathing both difficult and painful. He sought a little village called Bauerbach, in Franconia, where he remained for a while under an assumed name, as the Duke had vowed to capture him for his desertion.

Here he wrote "Kabale und Liebe" and "Fiesco." Then he went to Mannheim, Darmstadt, Leipzig and Dresden, suffering and writing continuously. At Dresden he wrote his singular romance "The Ghost Seer" and his "Philosophical Letters."

He became Goethe's friend. In 1782 he was in Weimar, where he met Herder and Wieland. The next year he met Goethe, at a time when

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